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PCT/JP2004/008970  
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Re: Application of KUROSAWA, Hiroshi, SAKAKI, Shujiro  
CONTAINER FOR GERM LAYER FORMATION AND METHOD OF  
FORMING GERM LAYER  
**Assignee: NOF CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q92187

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 3 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=		x	\$50.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
Search Fee*									<u>\$400.00</u>
Examination Fee*									<u>\$200.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL FEE</u></b>									<u>\$900.00</u>

\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The entire disclosure(s) of the prior application(s), Japanese application numbers JP 2003-181342 filed June 25, 2005 is/are considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is/are hereby incorporated by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-181342	June 25, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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